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For: FRONT PROJECTION TYPE SCREEN

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

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- 1c. ☒ A Korean Office Action from a counterpart foreign application or a PCT International Search Report.
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- 6b. ☐ Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were not previously cited in prior application Serial No. __, filed on __, and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, are provided herewith.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO	
	AG	5-150368	06/18/93	Japan			abstract	
	AH	11-38509	02/12/99	Japan			abstract	
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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Application No.: 10-2001-0011732

Title of the Invention: Front projection type screen

According to Article 63 of the Korean Patent Law, the applicant is notified that the present application has been rejected for the reasons given below. Any Argument or Amendment which the applicant may wish to submit, must be submitted by July 15, 2003. An indefinite number of one-month extensions in the period for submitting a response may be obtained upon request, however no official confirmation of the acceptance of a request for an extension will be issued.

Reasons

The invention as claimed in the claims could have been easily invented by one of ordinary skill in the art prior to the filing of the application, and thus this application is rejected according to Article 29(2) of the Korean Patent Law.

Below

Claims 1 through 6 relate to a front projection type screen including a transparent base, a diffusion member, and a retroreflection prism array. In particular, Claim 3 additionally specifies a light absorbing member placed at the back of the retroreflection, Claim 4 adds an air layer provided between the retroreflection prism array and the light absorbing member to the front projection type screen, and Claims 5 and 6 specify that the diffusion member diffuses light in vertical and horizontal directions, where the diffusion of light in the vertical direction is different from the diffusion of light in the horizontal

direction. However, Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No. hei 11-38509 (published on February 12, 1999) discloses a reflection-type screen including a base, an optical diffusion layer, a prism, and an optical absorption sheet and further specifies that the base and the optical absorption sheet are coupled to each other with a space therebetween or bonded to each other. In addition, Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No. hei 150368 (published on June 18, 1993) discloses a reflection-type screen provided with three different reflection surfaces such that the diffusion of light in a vertical direction is weakened and the diffusion of light in a horizontal direction is strengthened. Therefore, the present invention defined in Claims 1, 3, and 4 is considered to have been possibly invented by one skilled in the art based upon the cited inventions.

Enclosure: Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No. hei 11-38509
Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No. hei 5-150368

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[첨 부]

첨부 1 일본공개특허공보 특개평11-38509호(1999.2.12) 1부

첨부2 일본공개특허공보 특개평5-150368호(1993.6.18) 1부 끝.

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